Sale of drugs in Black Market

1045. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that costly drugs are being sold in the black market;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard, if so, the details thereof together with the names of the persons found guilty in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government to check the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) No report regarding black-marketing of costly drugs have been received by the Government.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Scarcity of Molasses

1046. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a severe scarcity of molasses in some states;

(b) if so, the position as on date; and

(c) the steps taken to remove the shortage of molasses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) to (c) The prices and distribution of molasses were regulated under the Molasses Control Order, 1961 which was rescinded on 10th June, 1993 with a view to remove control on prices and distribution of molasses. After decontrol, the Government is not monitoring the production of molasses.

GAP' between Doctor Population Ratio

1047. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a big gap between doctors and population ratio at present;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) the per head expenditure being spent on medical care activity at present; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to achieve the goal of 'Health for All' by 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) According to the Medical Council of India, the Doctor-Population Ratio in respect of allopathic doctors is about 1:1980. The ratio is far better than in other Countries of the South-East Asia Region. Taken together with the practitioners from the Indian Systems of medicine and Homoeopathy, the ratio is still better. However, disparities in the availability of Doctors exist in Rural Areas of some States, for which various measures have been initiated by individuals State Governments.

(c) As per information furnished by Central Statistical Organisation, per capita Government expenditure on Health, taken together with private consumption expenditure, comes to Rs.239/-. This figure is for 1995-96 at current prices and does not include expenditure incurred on Family Welfare, and directly by local authorities.

(d) To achieve the goal of "Health for All", a wide network of rural health infrastructure comprising 136339 Sub-centres, 22010 Primary Health Centres, 2622 Community Health Centres administered by respective State Governments/UT Administrations has been in operation throughout the country. External assistance has been